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DRAFT BIENNIAL PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR THE SECOND COMMITTEE FOR 1996-1997

Note by the Secretariat

The General Assembly, in resolution 39/217 of 18 December 1984, paragraph 5, requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Second Committee for consideration and approval each year a proposed biennial programme of work. The draft biennial programme of work of the Second Committee for 1996-1997, which is annexed to the present document, has been prepared on the basis of existing legislative authority. It also takes into account the draft proposals on which the Second Committee has taken action. The information contained in the annex, including that on documentation, will be updated orally by the Secretariat when the draft biennial programme of work for 1996-1997 is considered by the Committee.

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(b) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (General Assembly resolutions 45/199, 47/152, 48/185 and 49/92)

(c) Net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 49/93)

(d) Financing of development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.56

(e) External debt crisis and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.7

Item 3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on the implementation of resolution A/C.2/50/L.14 on communication for development

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.38 on United Nations support for science and technology in Africa

(a) Trade and development

Documentation — Report of the ninth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.50)

Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening international organizations in the area of multilateral trade (General Assembly resolution 49/97)

Report of the Secretary-General on specific measures in favour of island developing countries (General Assembly resolution 49/100)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/102 on the transit system of the newly independent and developing land-locked States in Central Asia and their transit developing neighbours

(b) Food and sustainable agricultural development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-general on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/103

(c) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolutions 48/181 and 49/106)

(d) Industrial development cooperation

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 49/108 on industrial development cooperation

(e) Cultural development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on progress in the implementation of the Decade (General Assembly resolutions 41/187, 44/238, 45/189, 46/157 and 49/105) c/

(f) United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Documentation — Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) (General Assembly resolution 47/180)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of and follow-up to the Conference, including the role of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.57)

(g) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution A/C.2/50/L.58 c/

Question for consideration for which no advance documentation has been requested

Commodities (General Assembly resolution 49/104)

Item 4. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.28 on the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme

(a) Implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation — Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its fourth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity on the results of the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.45) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of resolution A/C.2/50/L.54 on the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the Elaboration of an International Convention to Combat Desertification in those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.54)

(b) Special session for the purpose of an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of Agenda 21

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the state of preparations for the 1997 special session (resolution A/C.2/50/L.23)

(c) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Framework for the Decade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.5) c/

Report of the Secretary-General containing proposals to enhance the programme and coordination capacity of the secretariat of the Decade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.5)

(d) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on action taken to implement General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.47

(e) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.33

Item 5. Operational activities for development

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Item 6. Training and research

United Nations University

Documentation — Report of the Council of the United Nations University, including the information requested in General Assembly resolution 49/124 c/

Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 49/124)

United Nations Institute for Training and Research

Documentation — Report of the Board of Trustees of the Institute

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.43)

Item 7. Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on a multi-year thematic programme for future dialogue (resolution A/C.2/50/L.11)

Item 8. First United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)

Documentation — Report of the ad hoc open-ended working committee of the General Assembly on a draft international framework for action for the Decade (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.39)

Report of the Secretary-General on action taken to implement the programme for the observance of the International Year for the Eradication of Poverty (1996) (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.39)

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Item 1. Report of the Economic and Social Council e/

Target for World Food Programme pledges for the period 1999-2000

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on progress in the implementation of the global strategy for the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (General Assembly resolution 47/40) c/

World Food Summit

Documentation — Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations on the outcome of

the World Food Summit (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.51) c/

Item 2. Macroeconomic policy questions

Financing of development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of A/C.2/50/L.15 on the preparations for the convening of an international conference on the financing of development

Item 3. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.40 on the Second Industrial Development Decade for Africa

(a) Trade and development

Documentation — Report of the Trade and Development Board (General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX)) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.18 on economic measures as a means of political and economic coercion against developing countries

Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of UNCTAD on specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of land-locked developing countries (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.59)

(b) Human settlements

Documentation — Report of the Commission on Human Settlements, including the report of the Commission on the implementation of the Global Strategy for Shelter to the Year 2000 (General Assembly resolutions 32/162, 43/180 and 43/181) c/

(c) Science and technology for development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on progress in the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.25

(d) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.31

(e) Women in development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the effective mobilization and integration of women in development (General Assembly resolutions 42/178 and A/C.2/50/L.46) c/

(f) Human resources development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.34

(g) Business and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution 48/180)

Item 4. Environment and sustainable development

Documentation — Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (General Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII)) c/

Note by the Secretary-General on international conventions and protocols in the field of the environment (General Assembly resolution 3436 (XXX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the arrangements for administrative support to the secretariat of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.33)

(a) Implementation of decisions and recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Documentation — Relevant section of the report of the Economic and Social Council on the work of the Commission for Sustainable Development on its fifth session (General Assembly resolution 47/191)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.52 on desertification and drought

(b) International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.35

Item 5. Operational activities for development

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system

Documentation — Relevant chapter of the report of the Economic and Social Council

(b) Economic and technical cooperation among developing countries

Documentation — Report of the High-Level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (General Assembly resolution 33/134) c/

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.16 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community

Report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.48)

Item 6. Training and research

No advance documentation requested

Item 7. International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development

Documentation — Report of the Secretary-General (General Assembly resolution A/C.2/50/L.12)

Notes

a/ The Second Committee will, in accordance with established practice and in pursuance of General Assembly decision 38/429, hold a general debate each year at the beginning of its work.

b/ The list of questions and documentation under this item corresponds to requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Economic and Social Council completes its work in 1996.

c/ Report submitted to the General Assembly through the Economic and Social Council.

d/ The programme of work and documentation list for 1997 will be updated in 1996, taking into account the relevant decisions of the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.

e/ The list of questions and documentation under this item is only indicative of requests for reports from the General Assembly. The list will be finalized after the Council completes its work in 1996.